

**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JUNE 12, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Yale Cantor, chairman at 6:34 P.M.

PRESENT: Melinda Ferry, Cindy Heidari, Helen Filloramo, Sandi Orsini, Sue Stack, Doris Crayton

ABSENT: Sharon Schall

EXCUSED: Hassan Salley

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motioned (S. Stack), Seconded (S. Orsini) and approved by all those present to accept the minutes of the May 8, 2006 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The Renters' Rebate Program started in May and to date we have taken 19 applications with several of them being new applicants.

On Thursday, June 22nd at 6:45 P.M in the Annex the Planning Office will hold a workshop to update the Plan of Conservation and Development. The Plan will review statistical data on population, housing, and the economy. The discussion will also focus on natural resource protection, open space planning and farmland, and historic preservation.

Youth Services and the director will be meeting to discuss the possibility of applying for a grant. Youth Services attended a technical workshop on Friday. The grant is centered on positive youth services and programs to reduce underage drinking. If we can get this grant it would free up the current YSB grant to promote and expand services. Presently those funds are being used to pay for part of the salary of the Youth Services Assistant / ROPE Coordinator.

Beach Blast will be held on Friday, June 15th at Crystal Lake Beach for 5th and 6th graders. They play games, swim and have pizza and ice cream. Admission is \$5.00. About 150 Middle School students attend this event.

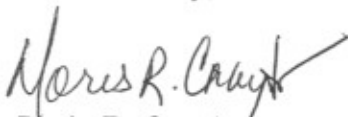
The TRIAD Spring Kick -Off held on Sunday, June 11th at the senior center went very well. The program had about 87 residents to come out and 35 vendors and volunteers participated. There were 10 raffle items ranging from a hanging plant to a \$400 gift certificate for oil. Vendors included home health care agencies to emergency management organizations within town. 22 businesses donated gifts or money to TRIAD. Over \$250 was received in donations. The Finance Director created a line item in the budget for TRIAD to receive donations.

OLD BUSINESS: The budget deliberation and process has resulted in \$6,000 being cut from the Human Services Budget. The ROPE account (744) was reduced by \$1,000. Youth Activity Program (745) was reduced by \$2,000. The Welfare budget (780)

Was reduced by \$500 and the final cut was made to the senior center (795) in the amount of \$2,500.

NEW BUSINESS: Tonight the Commission will appoint a sub-committee to review during the summer months a housing design or housing philosophy for the Town of Ellington to present to the Board of Selectmen in the coming months. H. Filloramo, S.Orsini, C. Hediari, and Y.Cantor volunteered to serve on this committee. All Commission members are invited to come on the housing tours. Memebtrs were urged to have a set of questions ready to ask the administrator of each facility visited. These visits will take place between July and August.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Doris R. Crayton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Doris R. Crayton,
Acting secretary
Human Services Commission